

## LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Grenville Murray, the novelist, who writes under the pseudonym of "Mark Hope," has become the prosector of *The Religion News*.

The Princess De La Boeza, the neice of Heinrich Heine, has written in Italian a book which will soon appear, entitled "Souvenirs of the Private Life of Heinrich Heine."

Henry Holt & Co. have in press another quarto holiday book by the author and illustrator of "The Prince of Angels,"—Mr. Smith. The new work, which is called "The Woods of the Water Witch," appears to be even more popular than its predecessor.

Private circulating libraries of fiction have long been common in Japan, but since 1873 several foreign libraries have been established, the largest being housed in the Contosho temple at Tokyo. The library now contains 6,840 volumes of Chinese and Japanese works, 5,162 of English, 632 of Dutch, and about 2,000 of other European languages. The number of visitors is about 2,800 per month, or nearly 100 a day.

*The Pall Mall Gazette* has been investigating Ouida's claims to be considered an authority in descriptions of the sport of golf, and finds her wanting. It says the chapter in "Under Two Flags" describing the Grand Military Steeplechase ought to be omitted, for the number of blunders involved in a given space, and concludes: "We have only dipped into three of Ouida's novels in search of sporting lore, and yet it is probable that she has written more about golf than the conclusion of this investigation must be grateful to the morale. It is probable that her fearfully vicious heroes and heroines are, like her real men and women, as her steveus, snare, and slyness shooting as to these sports as commonly practised."

French literature is losing its hold on foreign readers, argues Mr. Julian Claretie rather despondingly in the *Republique Francaise*: "It is really ridiculous to see how small our literary commerce with foreign countries is. Our literature is judged a little too much by the samples of a pretended Gaulois style fatigued by spines, and they ask solid literary nourishment from other peoples. Italy reads only our romances. All books with ideas, all serious books, she gets from Germany. How many of our books go to England! The number is laughably small. Some few only of the French works published in the last fifteen years have been published in Great Britain. All our literature of imagination has failed into discredit, and at present is despised as it was never before. This may be due to the greater number of studies, but it does not follow that we are not read. People read our books less and less. Our melodramas and operettas conquer still that the world wishes to know about us, and Saint-Hernard is the incarnation of France for foreign cutosity."

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, 120 Broadway, New York, Oct. 1, 1880.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 505, Laws of 1875, being an act to amend Chapter 575, Laws of 1872, entitled "An act in relation to the election of members of the Legislature of the State of New York, for the purpose of electing a member of the Legislature of the State of New York, for the first Monday of November next (November 2), the following ministerial officers are to be elected in the City and County of New York, viz.:

A Justice of the Peace, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Three Aldermen, in the territory comprised within the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards of the City of New York.

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Three Aldermen, in the territory comprised within the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Wards of the City of New York.

A Register, in the place of Frederick W. Lowe.

A Register, in the place of John K. Husted, deceased.

A Judge of the Common Court, in place of John C. Curran, deceased.

A Justice of the Marshals Court, in place of, and for the rest of the unexpired term of, James S. Stetson, deceased.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk of the Common Council.

## Bankrupt Notices.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE: That on the 1st day of October, 1880, at a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of

EDWARD A. ROBINSON, of New York, in the County of New York, and his wife, Mary, widow of Edward A. Robinson, deceased, on his own petition, that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property, or any part thereof, to his creditors by him, or the sale of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose a committee, to be held at No. 12 Broadway, in the City of New York, before Henry Winter Allen, Register, on the 15th day of October, at 12 o'clock noon.

LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS F. PAYN, U.S. Marshal, as Messenger, Southern Circuit, New York.

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